

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
Northern Region Office

Public Notice for Preliminary Best Interest Finding under AS 38.05.035(e) and AS 38.05.945

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry (DOF), gives formal notice under AS 38.05.945 that they have prepared a Preliminary Best Interest Decision under AS 38.05.035(e) on the subject of DOF's intent to negotiate a 25 year contract for biomass utilization in the Tok, Alaska area. Agencies and the public are invited to comment on any aspect of the Preliminary Best Interest Decision. Comments should be mailed or emailed to Mark Eliot at the Division of Forestry, 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709, and must be received by 5:00 PM on June 18, 2012, in order to be considered during preparation of the Final Best Interest Finding.

The Division of Forestry will hold a public meeting on the preliminary finding in Tok from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on May 31st at the Tok School.

Before proceeding with negotiations for a long-term biomass contract with Alaska Power and Telephone, the Division Director must make a written final decision that the action is in the best interest of the State. This final decision will take into consideration comments received during the review period, and will set out the facts and applicable policies upon which the Director bases his determination that the proposed action will or will not best serve the interest of the State. The final decision is expected to be available to the public by July 2, 2012. To be eligible to appeal the final decision a person must have provided written comment on this preliminary finding to DOF by 5:00 PM, June 18, 2012.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT:

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Hard copies of the Preliminary Best Interest Decision are available for review at the Division of Forestry at the above address, at the DOF Area Offices in Delta and Tok, and in the Delta and Tok Public Libraries. The Preliminary Best Interest Decision may be accessed at DOF's 'What's New' web site at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/whatsnew.htm>.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this review may contact the number above.

Mark Eliot
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